

Remarks

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 114, 121-131, 133-137, 139-140, 215 and 230 are pending in the application, with claim 114 being the independent claim.

Amendment of the Priority Claim

The specification has been amended to perfect the priority claim. The priority claim has been amended to indicate that the current application claims the benefit of U.S. Appl. No. 08/349,177, and to include the chain of priority for this application. The priority claim has also been amended to include U.S. Appl. No. 08/753,615 in the chain of priority. As the present application was filed prior to November 29, 2000, the amendment of the benefit claim is timely. Furthermore, the amendment of priority does not change the earliest priority application being claimed. Therefore, no petition is required.

These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Substitute Sequence Listing

The specification has been amended to insert the Substitute Sequence Listing, submitted herewith, which has been changed to reflect the current priority claim. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f), the paper copy of the Sequence Listing and the computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing submitted herewith in the above-captioned application are the same. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(g), this

submission includes no new matter. Consideration of this Amendment and reconsideration of this application are respectfully requested.

Other Matters

Applicants would like to point out where support can be found for claims 215 and 230. Claim 215 was added in the Second Preliminary Amendment submitted on November 4, 2002, and was amended in the Amendment and Reply submitted on May 29, 2003. Claim 230 depends from claim 215 and was added in the Amendment and Reply submitted on May 29, 2003. Support for claims 215 and 230 can be found in the current application at page 54, line 26 through page 55, line 3, and in priority Appl. No. 08/205,713, filed March 4, 1994 at page 18, line 33 through page 19, line 2.

Conclusion

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested. Applicants believe the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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